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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Jennifer M. Granholm, Governor
Members of the Legislature

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the State of Michigan, principally as of and for the year ended September 30, 2008, which collectively comprise the State's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the State's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the State Lottery Fund, Michigan Unemployment Compensation Funds, Michigan Employment Security Act - Administration Fund, State Building Authority - Debt Service Fund, State Building Authority - Capital Projects Fund, Attorney Discipline System, State Sponsored Group Insurance Fund, State of Michigan Deferred Compensation Funds, State Police Pension Benefits Fund, State Police Other Postemployment Benefits Fund, State Employees' Pension Benefits Fund, State Employees' Other Postemployment Benefits Fund, Public School Employees' Pension Benefits Fund, Public School Employees' Other Postemployment Benefits Fund, Judges' Pension Benefits Fund, Judges' Other Postemployment Benefits Fund, State of Michigan Defined Contribution Retirement Fund, Michigan Education Savings Program, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Michigan Municipal Bond Authority, Farm Produce Insurance Authority, Mackinac Bridge Authority, Mackinac Island State Park Commission, Michigan Higher Education Assistance Authority, Michigan Higher Education Facilities Authority, Michigan Higher Education Student Loan Authority, Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, State Bar of Michigan, Central Michigan University, Western Michigan University, Eastern Michigan University, Ferris State University, Grand Valley State University, Lake Superior State University, Michigan Technological University, Northern Michigan University, Oakland University, and Saginaw Valley State University. Those financial statements reflect total assets and revenues or additions of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information as follows:

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Percent of Total Assets</u>	<u>Percent of Total Revenues/Additions</u>
Governmental activities	1.5%	0.4%
Business-type activities	94.1%	84.9%
Aggregate discretely presented component units	92.7%	93.7%
State Lottery Fund	100.0%	100.0%
Michigan Unemployment Compensation Funds	100.0%	100.0%
Aggregate remaining fund information	93.8%	75.4%

Those financial statements were audited by other auditors whose reports thereon have been furnished to us, and our opinions, insofar as they relate to the amounts included for these component units and funds, are based solely upon the reports of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit and the reports of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.



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In our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of other auditors, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the State of Michigan, as of September 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Notes 6 and 23 to the basic financial statements, the State of Michigan replaced its Single Business Tax with the Michigan Business Tax. The State has not fully estimated the amount of future collections and refunds related to the Michigan Business Tax because the necessary data is not available.

As discussed in Note 4 to the basic financial statements, the State adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, and No. 48, *Sales and Pledges of Receivables and Future Revenues and Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets and Future Revenues*.

The management's discussion and analysis on pages 5 through 13, budgetary comparison schedules and corresponding notes on pages 100 through 103, and information about infrastructure assets reported using the modified approach on pages 104 and 105 are not required parts of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We and the other auditors have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the State of Michigan's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements and schedules - non-major funds listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. These statements and schedules have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied by us and the other auditors in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, based on our audit and the reports of other auditors, are fairly stated, in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The introductory, statistical, and other information sections listed in the table of contents have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied by us and the other auditors in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thomas H. McTavish".

Thomas H. McTavish, C.P.A.
Auditor General
December 31, 2008